

posals for taking loans from different financial institutions at more than 11.5 per cent rate of interest are pending with the R.B.I. indicating the amount of loan sought in each case during the current financial year and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which necessary permission is likely to be granted to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per the instructions currently in vogue State Governments can, on merit of the case, extend guarantee, without the approval of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on behalf of State bodies in respect of loans sanctioned by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), Housing Development & Finance Corporation (HDFC) & Unit Trust of India (UTI) etc. even if the rate of interest on such loans exceeds 11.50% per annum.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Separate Export Promotion Cells in States

4846. SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI MUKUL BALAKRISHNA
WASNIK:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO
DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed the States to set up separate export promotion cells or directorates for attending to the problems of exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cell in his Ministry is also proposed to be strengthened to deal with special problems of exporters in individual States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Various State Government have requested to set up separate export promotion cells or directorates in the State Secretariat to deal with the problems of exporters.

(b) According to replies received so far, the States of Orissa, Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have created export promotion cells or directorates in the State Secretariat. Besides, export corporations have been set up by the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. An Additional Secretary assisted by a senior officer and staff is looking after the Centre-State interface in the Ministry

[Translation]

Setting up of Crafts Development Centres in Bareilly (U.P.)

4847. SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Crafts Development Centre is proposed to be set-up in Bareilly with the co-operation of Uttar Pradesh Export Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;